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Kosei TERADA et al.

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INCORPORATING ADDITIONAL
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INFORMATION THROUGH
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TECHNIQUE

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.


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	3.	11/25/96	0 777 197	EPO			Yes
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	5.	10/28/98	2 324 669	United Kingdom			Yes
	6.	12/09/98	2 326 048	United Kingdom			Yes

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